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When someone cheats in an athletic competition, the culprit is disqualified and other contestants are given their proper rewards.

However, in the contest of the software business, the culprit is now being rewarded by increasing the power base by giving away more software!

This is like having Gillette give away razors to men. Gillette loves that, because, they will be happy to sell razorblades to those same men in a few weeks.

So Microsoft wins by increasing the user base, and competition loses. Maybe forever.

The guys on the prosecution who went along with this absurd settlement should be investigated for conflicts of interest! This is not even a slap on the wrist. It's a congratulatory pat on the back for Microsoft.

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